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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications of T-Mobile US, Inc. and Sprint Corporation, WT Docket No. 18-197

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Thank you for accepting comments to the docket on the pending merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. My name is Sandra Haverlah, and I have been with the Texas Consumer Association since 1988, and have served as its president for the last twenty years. Our primary focus is on day-to-day ‘pocketbook’ issues that affect consumers and small businesses alike.

The merger of T-Mobile and Sprint touches on these issues in several areas, primarily through the rollout of a nationwide, 5G network. For Texans, 5G will be critical. Many of our rural areas still struggle to get high-speed internet access, and this affects more than just the ability to stream TV shows on a mobile device—although that is an issue too. Our first responders and emergency personnel would benefit greatly by having 5G wireless access in remote areas, in situations where timing is critical. It also impacts our agricultural sector, as internet-enabled devices such as drones and water sensors are assisting ranchers and farmers with checking on herds and fields—but this equipment, which improves efficiency and keeps costs down, is only useful if there’s an adequate network that can handle the data.

Finally, all wireless customers in Texas, whether urban or rural, will benefit from the increased competition the merger will bring. The new T-Mobile would generate more meaningful wireless broadband competition, driving prices down and services up.

I urge you to support this merger, and the many benefits it will bring to consumers and businesses.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sandra Haverlah

Sandra Haverlah
President, Texas Consumer Association